

- DSP Spotlight -

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What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time, I enjoy spending quality time with family and friends, working on puzzles, and continuing to work towards my Special Education degrees.

How long have you worked as a Direct Support Professional?

I have been a Direct Support Professional since 2013.

How did you start in the field?

I started in the field when a family friend reached out with information about DSP's. We had known each other for many years and my first client was their son. This was such a blessing because we actually knew each other longer than we thought! My grandmother was his Sunday school teacher. The fact that someone I knew was my first client really helped get my feet wet and dive into being a DSP.

Has there ever been anyone that has stood out to you as a mentor in this field?

There are many people that have stood out to me as mentors in this field, but I believe the biggest mentors for me are the parents of the individuals I work with. Having strong relationships with them has been such a blessing. They have insight that is immeasurably valuable and knowledge that cannot be taught in a class.

What is your favorite thing to do with the people you serve?

I love doing whatever my clients' favorite thing to do is. Many of them enjoy music, swimming, doing school work, going out in the community, reading, or watching movies. One thing that I consciously try to do when working with them is help provide them a life of normalcy. I want to help them become confident in their own skin and strive to be the best versions of themselves.

What is your favorite part of being a Direct Support Professional?

There are many positives when it comes to being a Direct Support Professional. I would have to say my favorite part is being an advocate for the individuals I serve and their families. My main goal is to help create an inclusive community for not only the people I work with, but also for the many individuals within the developmental disability community. We all have our own differences, but that does not mean we should be treated unequal.

Thank you for your outstanding contributions to helping people with developmental disabilities and their families in Medina County. Thank you for sharing your dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others every single day.

